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**CIA PARTICIPATION IN
THE MID-CAREER COURSE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS**

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Objective and Scope of Course

The Mid-Career Course on Foreign Affairs is designed to offer to Foreign Service Officers of Classes 3 and 4 an opportunity to take a 12-week break from the immediate focus of day-to-day operations, during which they may gain perspective for a mid-career reassessment of the functions of the Foreign Service and of their own roles in the Service in the formulation and implementation of United States foreign policy.

The methods used in the Course to accomplish this objective include lectures and discussion periods with outstanding men from the academic field and Government. For example, the Honorable Robert Cutler lectures on the "Role of Presidential Advisory Groups in US Foreign Policy Formulation." The JCS put on a two-day briefing consisting of an "Analysis of Current US Military Capabilities."

Composition of Class

The class is composed of 20 FSO's as well as one representative each from the Department of the Army, USIA, ICA, and CIA. Average age of the group is 40 to 45, and all have had some 15 years of Government service here or abroad. The Course is given four times a year.

CIA Participation

CIA's participation in this Course began in December 1957 with a two-day program of briefings. The program was well received, as is indicated by the following excerpts:

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1. Memorandum from the Director, Foreign Service Institute, to the Director of Training, CIA: "I should like to express my warm thanks to you for the excellent series of briefings which you and your staff arranged last week for the officers of our current Mid-Career Course on Foreign Affairs. You will be pleased to hear that the reaction of our group was most enthusiastic. I feel myself that the awareness awakened in these officers of the role played by Central Intelligence Agency and its representatives will have a very beneficial long-term effect in terms of our mutual tasks. The results of these briefings have in fact proven so rewarding that I should like to request similar opportunities for future classes of our Mid-Career Course."

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